

**The Umbrella Repairer's Shop.**

An umbrella repairer's den is almost as interesting a place as an old book shop. A few years ago, when tramps were abroad in the land in large numbers, many of them armed themselves with hammers and umbrella frames that the tinkler's disguise might shield them from the surreptitious inspection of window passers-by.

But now the repairer of umbrellas and infirm umbrellas has a place in the world, and although rascals may be used to be. There are in this city some six or eight men who conduct businesses for the treatment of old rain umbrellas, and two men manufacture umbrellas from stick to cover at the order of customers.

"Any bell that's got a head on 'im and can do anything can mend an umbrella," said one of the umbrella doctors to a reporter as he bent over a broken one.

Round about were umbrellas in all stages of decay, with numerous handles and other essentials. Ribs were piled up without number, and ribs to spare—but not "spare ribs."

The anatomical construction of the umbrella is peculiar, and the rib is an important feature. As the doctor said, it is the most easily knocked out of gear of any of the necessary parts.

The best ribs are imported from England. There are two kinds, the solid and hollow. Umbrellas are not made as good as formerly. The handle is the chief thing noticed in buying, and a neat handle piece will sell for a good price.

An umbrella can't be so badly mangled but we can fix it so long as there's a little something to build on. Part of a stick and a few ribs are enough to give us our bearings.

**Transference of Disease.**  
I have been in scores of old attics in Pennsylvania Dutch houses, and discovered whole rows of pegs driven into the stout oak beams and rafters, with little knots of hair sprouting from the holes.

**INGENIOUS MECHANICAL TOYS.**

**Puppets That Were Almost Human—Wonderful Contrivances.**

Puppets or marionettes were patronized by both the Greeks and Romans, and automata, which are the inventions that are now principally dealt in, also go back to a remote period.

Daedalus made moving statues; Archytas of Tarentum, 400 B. C., invented a wooden pigeon that could fly in the air. In the fifteenth century Regiomontanus made an iron fly that moved through the atmosphere, and afterward an automatic eagle, which, on the arrival of the Emperor Maximilian at Nuremberg, flew forth to meet him.

Willars de Haneourt, in the Thirteenth century, constructed an angel that "would always point with his finger to the sun." The Marquis of Worcester made an artificial horse that would carry a rider as swiftly as if he were a genuine barb.

The king of automata constructors was Jacques Vaucanson, born at Grenoble in 1709. While quite a boy he made several self-moving figures. The bent of his mind was determined by a rather peculiar circumstance.

**The Austrian Capital's Poor.**  
In one year in Vienna over 62,000 notices of eviction were served for nonpayment of state and municipal taxes.

**Newspapers in Turkey.**

Among the various innovations lately introduced into Turkey may be included that of newspapers. The first, if we are not mistaken, appeared in Constantinople in 1841, under the auspices of Mr. Oscanian, the former Turkish consul general in New York.

There are at present more than twenty different dailies and twenty weeklies appearing in Constantinople in various dialects, each advocating its own particular interest.

**The Mourning Business in England.**  
They make wholesale work of the mourning business here. A bereaved family cannot pile on too much crape, and even the children are oppressed out of all reason with the deepest dyed habiliments of woe.

**Methods of Japanese Acupuncture.**  
Acupuncture is not an invention of the Japanese—the first treatise upon it being attributed to a Chinese under the Sung dynasty—although the form of the needles used and the mode of their employment have been much improved upon by them.

**England's Castles and Abbeys.**  
The old castles and abbeys of England were built expressly for the benefit of modern picnic parties. It is a rare day when the visitor to the ruins of any of these does not find a party of young folks spoiling bins, cold fowl and ginger ale on the site of the donjon keep or the late Lady Rowena's front sitting room.

**HOW STURGEON ARE CAUGHT.**

**Details of an Exciting Business—A Night in the Channel.**

There is at least \$100,000 invested in the sturgeon fishing interest in the New Jersey end of the line, with headquarters at Bay Side, Cumberland county. The sturgeon grows rapidly, and a fish of six years old weighs 300 pounds.

The sturgeon has no weapons of defense against the shark and flies from this lawyer of the sea. I found two sturgeon in the haul made by moonlight with the entire nose bitten off by a shark.

**Ill Health of Army Horses.**  
Statistics of the horses of the French cavalry show a loss by death of nearly 3,000 horses a year, entailing an annual money loss of \$1,000,000.

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**An Electric Bone Cutter.**  
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**LOVE AT HIGH TIDE.**

Thou, thou hast been my blood, my breath, my being.

Take this for truth, that what I say beside Of bold love—grown full orb'd at the sight of thee—

**PRACTICE OF PUBLIC BATHING.**  
When it came to an end Private Bathing became rare.

In the change of the world's habits incidental to the change of religion, and especially with the deserved condemnation of the Roman public baths by the Christian church, the practice of public bathing came to an end, and that of private bathing, unhappily, became only too rare.

**Strange Medicines of China.**  
Mr. Mitford has told us how he saw a Chinese physician prescribe a decoction of three scorpions for a child struck down with fever.

**How the Runner Trains.**  
How does the runner train? That is a question whose answer branches out in half a dozen directions.

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Meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays in each month.

**J. M. GEARY POST NO. 45, G. A. R. MEETS**  
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**Eugene City Business Directory.**  
BETTMAN, G.—Dry goods, clothing, groceries and general merchandise, southwest corner, Willamette and Eighth streets.

**CRAIN BROS.—Dealers in jewelry, watches, clocks and musical instruments, Willamette street, between Seventh and Eighth.**

**FRIBENDLY, S. H.—Dealer in dry goods, clothing and general merchandise, Willamette street, between Eighth and Ninth.**

**GILL, J. P.—Physician and surgeon, Willamette street, between Seventh and Eighth.**

**HODES, C.—Keeps on hand fine wines, liquors, cigars and a pool and billiard table, Willamette street, between Eighth and Ninth.**

**HORN, CHAS. M.—Gunsmith, rifles and shotguns, breech and muzzle loaders, for sale. Repairing done in the neatest style and warranted. Shop on Ninth street.**

**LUCKEY, J. S.—Watchmaker and jeweler, keeps a fine stock of goods in his line, Willamette street, in Ellsworth's drug store.**

**McCLAREN, JAMES—Choice wines, liquors and cigars, Willamette street, between Eighth and Ninth.**

**POST OFFICE—A new stock of standard school books just received at the post office.**

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